

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 are pending. No claim has been amended, canceled or added. The labels of claims 1-4 have been changed to "original" since these are the claims that were issued in US Pat. No. 5,930,179.

Claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 were rejected for not complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.173. Claims 1-4 does not require underlines since they are the original claims as issued. All remaining claims have been underlined.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-5, 17-19, 23-33, and 41-44 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath under 35 U.S.C. 251. However, based on the subsequent statement by the Examiner, Applicants believe that the Examiner is asserting that claims 17, 19, and 25 require a supplemental oath under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1).

Applicants believe that a supplemental oath/declaration is not required. A supplemental oath is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) for any errors not covered by the original oath/declaration. Applicants believe that the original oath/declaration covers the amendments made to claims 17, 19, 25. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants requests to submit a supplemental oath/declaration upon receiving a Notice of Allowance, as suggested by MPEP 1444(II).

### **CONCLUSION**

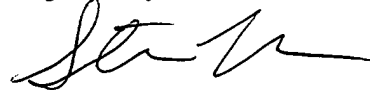
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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